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SUBJ: PROPOSED US-ISRAELI CONSULAR CONVENTION

REF: (A) STATE 102442, (B) TEL AVIV 5597

1. FRANCE, ITALY, GREECE, TURKEY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM DO NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH ISRAEL. THEY ALL MAINTAIN TWO OFFICES IN JERUSALEM, ONE IN THE ARAB AND ONE IN THE ISRAELI PART OF THE CITY. ALL ARE SIGNATORIES TO UN RESOLUTION 194 RECOGNIZING THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF THE CITY. THEIR POLICY, IN THESE REGARDS, IS THE SAME AS THE US CONSULATE GENERAL.

2. US PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN JERUSALEM HAVE AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF MFA AND TAX-FREE PRIVILEGES APPROVED BY THE MFA. HOWEVER CONSULATE PERSONNEL ARE NOT LISTED IN THE MFA'S DIPLOMATIC LIST, RATHER IN A BOOKLET ISSUED BY THE CONSULAR CORPS ITSELF. NOR DOES CONSUL GENERAL HAVE EXEQUATUR FROM GOI. IN PRACTICE, THE CONGEN WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE ISRAELI NATIONAL POLICE (INP) ON ARRESTS OF AMCITS IN JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK AND ON VISA CLEARANCES. ON THE OTHER HAND, COMMUNICATION ON CONSULAR MATTERS IS NEVER DONE DIRECTLY WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, THE MFA OR OTHER ISRAELI MINISTRIES,
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BUT ALWAYS THROUGH THE EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV.

3. SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAELI MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE ALSO LIMITED TO OFFICERS AT THE EMBASSY. SO WHILE THERE ARE THE CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE INP NECESSARY FOR CONSULAR OPERATIONS AND WITH MUNICIPALITY OF JERUSALEM OFFICIALS, THE POST IS CAREFUL NOT TO DEAL WITH ANY ISRAELI MINISTRY OFFICIAL DIRECTLY,

WHICH COULD OF COURSE BE INTERPRETED AS RECOGNITION OF THEIR CLAIMS TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER JERUSALEM. IN OUR JUDGEMENT, ISRAELI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE ALL WELL AWARE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S POLICY AND STATUS IN JERUSALEM (I.E. NON-RECOGNITION AND NON-ACCREDITATION).

4. POST CONCURS WITH EMBASSY TEL AVIV'S RECOMMENDATION PARA 4 REF B THAT SUBJECT OF CONSULAR CONVENTION MIGHT BEST BE PUT ON ICE FOR THE PRESENT TIME.
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